1:Stanford U. S-4, 5 1956 AF14 Central China AF14

Five-Year Plan projects, the expansion at Hsi-k'uang-shan, largest producer in the country, has begun. Apparently the expansion envisaged includes increasing mechanization in underground and ore-transport facilities.[33]

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The Wuhan area is being developed by the Communists as a center for metallurgical and related heavy industries, and light manufacturing is being expanded both at the traditional centers, Wuhan and Canton, and elsewhere. In particular, attention is called to the establishment of new cotton mills in the cotton-producing districts of Honan Province.

As mentioned earlier, some cotton mills have been built at Wuhan, Nanchang (Kiangsi Province), and Hsiang-t'an (Hunan). With the exception of Wuhan, which is the largest textile center in Central China and accounted for 163,000 spindles in 1954, the production of the Kiangsi and Hunan mills appears to be intended for the local markets. On the other hand, some five new mills have been built or are under construction at Chengchow (Honan Province) and one mill has been erected at Hsin-hsiang. The three mills which have been completed in Chengchow are said to possess 180,000 spindles and 5,000 machine looms. These figures compare favorably with those of the existing textile industry in Wuhan.[34]

33. NCNA, March 1, 1954.

34. Cheng Ch'u-yüan, op. cit., pp. 159-61.